Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
January 27, 2003

Members present are Pancho KA9OFA, Patrick W9UQ, John WB9PSE, Mark AB9CD, Brian K9LCQ, Tom KF9PU, and Tom AB9EK.Guest is Dave Karr.

Mark reported that he had completed the form for the Wisconsin Repeater Association and needed a check for $20 to send along with the form. An update to the power output and antenna gain was reported to the Association.

The general class will be starting on February 1st at AES form 12:00 to 2:300pm. Mark stated that four people have signed up. The class will run until the week before super fest.

Mark is now the keeper of the club's database. A roaster will be made available to all members possible in March. Also a new member packet needs to be put together. There was a discussion on sending out post cards to new hams in the area from a list that Patrick gets from the ARRL. Patrick will design a post card to be sent out.

The minutes of the November Board meeting were read and approved without corrections.

Les gave the financial report for the last couple of months. Discussion occurred on the expenses for December. The expenses for December include payment to Dave Karr for the repeater equipment and refunds to those who had paid for the Christmas party. Les issued a new check to Brian, K9LCQ, for payment for Dick's award. A stop payment will be put on the previous check that was issued to Brian. He had ~~lost~~ the first check. The financial report was approved as given.

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Tom, KF9PU and Mark reported on the VEC book that is being put together. They plan on sharing this information with the VE's and other VEC's. A group from Pennsylvania requested to become part of the MRAC VEC testing team. They were turned down. It has been suggested that we announce our testing dates in different Amateur publications. Tom will talk to John Kraak.

Mark stated that the phone line to the repeater had not been working. It is now fixed. Dave Karr stated that the move of the MRAC repeater is on hold until better weather and some other things at the site must first be taken care of. The move will happen though. There is an agreement with those who will be on the tower but has not been signed. Dave stated that there will be a tour of the tower site for MSOE students but if anyone of the Board members would like to attend they are welcome. The tour will be next Sunday at noon. The site is located at Capitol and Humboldt.

The program for Thursdays meeting is QSL's by Tom, AB9EK. The February program will be on the circus train and in March on the ARRL publications by Patrick. We need to contact Skip, WD9HAS to see if he will do his weather program in April for the club.

Mark stated that he had not heard back from Pioneer Village since he had sent them our tax number. Will need to contact them to see if we can have our Field Day at that location this year.

Patrick is doing a budget review and when completed he will send it to the Board members via e-mail.

Old business; The MRAC FM contest is set for February 9th at 2:00pm. Sherm, KB9Q has labels that can be put on the remaining fliers for next time if we have this contest again.

Dave Karr suggested that a request be sent to WCTC asking if a room could be made available to hold Amateur radio classes and possible testing. Patrick will do this.

A motion was made by Mark AB9CD and seconded by Tom KF9PU to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectful submitted
Tom Schulte,AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
February 24,2003

The meeting was held at the home of AB9EK, Tom.
Present; Patrick, W9UQ, Brian K9LCQ, Gerry WA9CGE, John WB9PSE, Mark AB9CD, Les AB9EY, Pancho KA9OFA and Tom AB9EK.

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Patrick. The minutes of the Board meeting for January were read and approved. The treasurer's report was give by Les. He reported that the VEC money for the January testing sessions was not yet deposited. Patrick stated that we need to have a break down of the income and expenses in order to proceed with a budget. The present treasurers report only shows us the expenses for the month and the balance. We need to have all income and expenses put into categories to see where the money is going. Patrick stated that he has a copy of Excel Office suit for Les to use. It was suggested that Les make up a spreadsheet showing the club's expenses and income broken down into categories as shown on Patrick's proposed budget. A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Brian to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

A donation of $200 is being asked for by the church for the use of the hall for our meetings. Last year Jim, WB9LNU provided the church with his time and labor. Mark will bring this to the floor at the club meeting for a vote with a recommendation from the Board to approve this amount. Patrick stated that any time and / or money that has been donated to Pioneer Village by Jim WB9LNU and Gerry WA9CGE or anyone else be documented in the club's financial records. We need to account for all donations of time, work or the value of items that are donated. It was suggested that an article and or picture of any item donated be published in the Chatter.

Mark has a letter from the Ozaukee County Historical Society confirming the Field Day dates in June. They ask that we provide them with a certificate of insurance before the event. It might be possible that the club could set up on Friday night. There was discussion on Field Day and Gerry and Patrick would like a committee to head up the event instead of just one person. Gerry stated that WA9YAL, Nels and his wife would help with the kitchen duties. We will still need someone to prepare breakfast on Sunday morning. Gerry stated that there would be a VHF/UHF, 80-40,20 and 15-10 meter stations. We need volunteers for station captains. Duties of station captains would be to see that each station is set up take care of the equipment and setup operating times for everyone.

The code on the air class is still going on. DJ, KB9AYO, is teaching it. It was suggested that may the class should start later like 9:00pm. We will invite DJ to our next Board meeting to discuss this. It was stated that before another Tech, General or Extra class be taught that the instructors would take some time off.

A motion was made by Brian and seconded by Pancho that the certificates that were used for the club's 85th anniversary be modified for use for the FM contest. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Les and seconded by Brian to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectful submitted
Tom Schulte,AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
March 24,2003

Members present were Tom AB9EK, John WB9PSE, Mark AB9CD, Patrick W9UQ, Tom KF9PU, Panco KA9OFA, Les AB9EY and Brian K9LCQ.

Meeting was called to order at 6:50pm by Patrick club president. Skip, WD9HAS, will provide the program for Thursday's meeting.

Tom, AB9EK read the minutes for the February Board and membership meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. Les, AB9EY did not have treasurer's report due to a computer problem. Les gave a summary report looking through the checkbook. Tom Czaja KG9EE was given a check for the cost of the VE's manuals.

There was much discussion on the club's budget. We have to track the club's income and expenses by categories. Patrick stated that he would make an Excel spreadsheet template for the treasurer. There will be a training session for everyone on how to use this. We have to get the books in order and will start with January 2003. Les was asked if he could handle this and his answer was he wasn't sure. We may need a new treasurer. The question came up about membership cards. Who will fill them out? Patrick thought that this was the duty of the secretary. There was a discussion on the duties of the secretary and treasurer's job. Do we need to have membership cards? This will be asked at the Thursday's meeting. Patrick was given the second key for the post office box. Les will remain the postmaster and he will continue to pick up the mail.

Tom, AB9EK was given the club's insurance policy. He will call the insurance company to obtain a certificate of insurance for Field Day and then send it to the Ozaukee County Historical Society. Mark will send Tom the name and address of the contact person for the OCHS.

Mark stated that he would send the board a spreadsheet of the club's roster. Patrick stated that the club should have a membership committee. Their task would be to maintain a membership list. Dick Wood would be asked to be on this committee.

The repeater had been off the air from time to time due to a noise problem. Mark stated that it would be off the air until the problem is found. Dave Karr has found connectors for the hard line and will be getting the room at the new location for the repeater prepared. It is possible that the move to the new location will happen in the next 2-4 weeks. Dave will notify us when we will need to remove the antenna from its present location to the new location. Dave also needs to know how we plan to control the repeater, either by phone or a 220 link. We will control the machine by phone and let Dave know this so that phone line can be installed. We might also locate the club's answering machine at this location.

March 29th will be the last class for the General class. The group will test at Superfest. It was suggested that the size for a class would be 8-10 individuals. The next class might be a Technician class some time in fall.

Jim Tromblay has a four-drawer filing cabinet and some boxes of club records he would like out of his garage. Tom KF9PU thought he might be able to take this.

Dave DeFebo has a CD with a power point presentation of the club's scrapbook to be played at Superfest. Tom AB9EK will bring his laptop. Brian and John said they would man the table on Saturday morning at Superfest.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Respectful submitted
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
April 21, 2003

Present; Patrick W9UQ, Mark AB9CD, Tom AB9EK, Tom KF9PU, Brian K9LCQ, Pancho KA9OFA, Jerry WA9CGE, Les AB9EY, John WB9PSE, Dick W9JBE and Kevin KC9BZU.

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by Patrick, Club's president. Patrick asked for a letter of resignation from Mark, Ab9CD as the club's vice president and then appointed Mark the new club's treasurer. Patrick then appointed Kevin, KC9BZU to be the club's new vice president. There were no objections from the Board.

Tom, AB9EK read the minutes from the last Board meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Tom also stated that a certificate of insurance has been received from the insurance company and sent to OCHS.

Field Day is coming up in June, and Patrick would like to set up his camper on Friday. No one thought there would be a problem with this, but Mark said he would contact OCHS to make sure. Jerry sated that he is going to contact the caretaker to see if he can go out to the site a week before to map out the antenna locations. It was also suggested that the club have a guest book at our events so that our visitors could sign in. WA9YAL and his wife will help with the food and Pancho volunteered to be a station captain. Jerry thought that this year we should be a 6 alpha in the event. If we want to order field day pins or merchandise it should bee done soon. It was also suggested that we hand out a certificate to any non-ham/visitor that operates the GOTO station. We should also have a prepared packet of information on how to become a ham that we could hand out.

Mark, AB9CD gave the treasurer's report. The club has two accounts, a CD and a checking account. Mark stated that we have three funds, a general, VEC and a repeater fund. The accounts balances are $11,536.58 for the general fund, $249.38 for the repeater fund and $2,092.41 in the VEC fund. The treasurer's report was approved as read. Mark would like to obtain an ATM/check card for the club. The reason being is that the closest Wauwatosa Bank is located at 75th and State and is way out of the way for him. He would only use the card to make deposits at ATM machines. There is no cost for the card and no bank charge when a deposit is made. There was much discussion on this subject. Pancho, KA9OFA motioned and Tom, AB9EK seconded that the club obtain an ATM/check card from the bank and that it be used only to make deposits. Motion passed. At present time Mark is using Peachtree accounting software to do the club's account. It was suggested that all the Board members should be able to work with the program. Patrick thought that an Excel spreadsheet would be easier to use. Mark stated that the information in Peachtree could be exported to Excel. Mark and Patrick will get together and work on getting Peachtree software and Excel working together.

John Kraak sent Patrick an e-mail with an update on the nominations for the up coming election. Pancho KA9OFA and Jerry WA9CGE will run again. John WB9PSE will not run for another term. Dick Wood W9JBE will run for the third director's position. The election will be in May.

VE testing is down by 50% from last year. The new Technician exam will be created and put in use in July. John will make up seven different exams to be used by the testing team. John asked if the Board would consider making those VE's who are not members of the club members. There was discussion and it was decided that we could not do this because it would look like the VE's are getting something for their time. FCC rules do not allow this. Patrick will reply to John and let him know the Board's discussion.

Patrick stated that the vice president should head the membership committee. The committee would contact members who have not paid their dues or who we have not been seen in awhile. They would also make up new member packets and have a new membership drive. There was discussion on when we should drop members from the roaster who have not paid their dues. March seems like the time this should happen. Dues are to be renewed in January. Kevin stated that he would try to call those members who have not renewed and send e-mail to those who have an e-mail address letting them know they must renew their dues. Jerry stated he would help Kevin.

Patrick asked if we need committees. The feeling is we do need some such as a Membership, Chatter, Field Day, Programs, Classes (training) Friendship and others. We need to get the membership involved. Mark stated that Dave DeFefo is doing the artwork for the flyers.

We had some discussion on the club's web page. It needs to get updated. It was suggested that we find some help for Howard with this project. Brian motioned and Pancho seconded that the club send a $35 donation to QSL.net for the web page space they provide the club with. Motion passed.

Mark stated that the repeater would be going to its new location in the next few days. During this move the repeater will be off the air for a while. It is suggested that we use the 147.045 machine until ours is up and running.

There is a swapfest in Cedarburg on May 3rd. Jerry said he would be attending.

The four-drawer cabinet that was at Jim's home has been relocated. Mark has found a spot for it.

There was a donation of full issues of QST from 1949 to 2002 along with some handbooks. What do we want to do with this? Possibly sell them on EBay.

Patrick will send a new sign up sheet to all Board members so you can pick a date you would like to host a Board meeting. There will also be a sheet for programs. You do not have to do a program yourself but maybe find someone who would. All Board members are responsible for at least two meetings and programs.

Pancho would like to see more pictures of member's stations in the Chatter. Send your pictures to him.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:13pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectful submitted
Tom Schulte,AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
May 27,2003

Present; Mark Ab9CD, Patrick W9UQ, Pancho KA9OFA, Les AB9EY, Tom AB9EK, Kevin KC9BZU, Brian K9LCQ, Jerry WA9CGE, Tom KF9PU and Dick W9JBE.

Meeting called to order at 6:50pm, location is the Irish Springhouse. Tom AB9EK read the Board minutes from the April meeting. Minutes were approved as read. Mark AB9CD gave the treasurer's report for the month of May. Treasurer's report was approved as read. Mark stated that a four-drawer cabinet located at Jim's, WB9LNU; home, which contains club records, will be moved to a new location sometime in June. Mark has some printed copies of the club roster to hand out to those who do not have e-mail at the club meeting. Those that have e-mail will receive the roster via e-mail. Anyone who has not attained the club's meeting and wishes to have a printed copy of the roster can obtain one by sending a SASE to the club's post office box. This will also be put into the Chatter.

Kevin is the chairman of the Membership committee. He has a question aire he would like to hand out to club members asking for their input /opinions on the club. A sample was passed around for the Board members to look at. He plans on sending this question aire to those members who have not attended a meeting in some time either by mail or e-mail. Kevin is looking for ideas on how to present the club to possible new members. Patrick stated that he receives a list of new hams in the area from the ARRL. He will e-mail this list to all Board members. We need to make up a new member packet to hand out to possible new members. What should be in it and who should put this together? Patrick thought the secretary should put this together. Some items that should be in this handout are; club history book, club application, summary sheets about the club and events the club holds, and a map to the location of the meeting place. Patrick stated that the ARRL has some items that we can obtain and add to this handout. Need to contact Don Michalski the Wisconsin section manager.

ARES has asked to use the club's repeater on June 1st for the "Miller Ride For The Arts". They will need the repeater from 5:00am to about 2:00pm. The Board approved but stated that a control op should be available in case there is a problem with the repeater. There should be a control op on at all times during a public service event when the club's repeater is being used for an event. Mark stated that he will be helping in the ride and act as a control op.

Field Day is June 28-29th. Jerry stated that he would have a site plan for the location of the antennas being used so that one doesn't interfere with the other. Jerry will get together with Nels WA9Yal and his wife for the food planning. Patrick and maybe Brian will set up on Friday. Mark stated that he had contact the caretakers at the OCHS site to let them know of the possible set up on Friday and it was ok with them. Mark will contact them on Wednesday before the event to remind them to have the gates unlocked. Jerry thought that the club would operate as either 4A or 5A during the event. The cost for the Field Day event has been under $200 in the past years. The budget has an amount of $250-$300 in the past years. It was suggested that there be a meal on Saturday an hour before the event starts for those who help set up the equipment. Jerry is planning on a Saturday night meal and a Sunday morning breakfast. Since this is also the club's picnic, food will be available from 1:00pm to about 5:00pm for any members that should come out to the Field Day site. Jerry has set up a public announcement about Field Day with four radio stations. Mark stated he would try to get a TV station at the site.

Mark stated that the repeater is being heard in Illinois on the 145.390 machine down there. So far, there have not been any complaints and Dave Karr is monitoring the situation and will address any problems when they occur. At the present time, one antenna is being used for TX and RX at the lower height.

Mark stated that at the present time, there are no keys to get access to the repeater site. The phone line has been installed and at some time will be put under lock and key so that no other person or group will have access to it. Only local calls can be made from the site. We have no long distance service. We may have to locate the club's answering machine at the repeater site. Mark stated that the Board needs to approve at least six control ops. The following stated that they would like to be a control op: Mark AB9CD, Jerry WA9CGE, Patrick W9UQ, Pancho KA9OFA and Brian K9LCQ. Dave DeFebo will be asked and be made head control op if he agrees. Matt Planning will also be asked. The list of control ops will be listed in the Chatter. Patrick and Jerry stated that they might set up a monitoring system on the repeater to record the usage of the machine. Patrick stated that we need to monitor the repeater for problems during the late night hours. The repeater will have to be turned off if there is a problem and then turned back on later. The repeater will be off the air from time to time due to work being done at the site.

Patrick had a new sign up list for Board meeting dates and programs. Each Board member is responsible for at least two meeting dates and programs. You do not have to do the program yourself, but find someone who might have topic of interest to the club members. Also, you can be the host of the Board meeting at a location of your choosing. Patrick is sill working on a budget for this year.

Mark has given the secretary a letter of resignation for the vice-president position, since he is now the treasurer.

Jerry had some problem with getting this month's Chatter printed. Kinko's was charging us $19 and this month it went to $58. Kinko's stated that this $19 charge was a one-time deal. Jerry wants to obtain three bids from different printers to see if we can get a commitment for a year on the cost.

Do we want a Christmas party and who will be in charge? It was suggested that we go back to the same place as last year. You will order from the main menu and pay for the dinner yourself. The club will collect no money. You pay for your own meal.

Howard needs to be contacted so we can find out whom to send the club's $35 donation to for the club's web page. The web page is on the QSL.net server but do we have an account number to reference this money to.

Mark would like to put in an order for Field Day t-shirts and pins and will split the shipping cost. The shirts are $13 and the pins $5. Mark stated he would buy some pins to hand out at the GOTO station for any non-ham who operators the station.

Les will help Mark on Thursday night with keeping track of the items sold at the auction. Numbers will be assigned to each item.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting ay 9:07pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte,AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
June 23,2003

Present; Kevin KC9BZU, Tom AB9EK, Mark AB9CD, Jerry WA9CGE, Dick W9JBE, Brian K9LCQ, Pancho KA9OFA and Les AB9EY.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the club's vice president Kevin, KC9BZU. The minutes of the May Board meeting were read by Tom, AB9EK and approved. The treasurer's report was given by Mark, AB9CD and approved. Mark needs to contact Howard to find out were the donation to QSL.net goes to.

Pancho stated that he needs articles for the Chatter.

Mark stated that next month's program would be on scanning, mainly on the trunking system that is now in use by many communities. Dave DeFebo has updated the club's history file. Mark will send a copy via e-mail to the Board members. Mark also stated that we need to get working on a new member and prospective member packet. This was talked about at the last Board meeting.

A letter was received from Jeananne, N9VSV the EC of the Milwaukee ARES group, thanking us for the use of the repeater for the Miller Lite Ride for the Arts.

Mark stated that work is on going at the repeater site and the repeater would be off the air from time to time. The receiver antenna will be at 730 feet and the transmitter antenna at 600 feet. Mark stated he had some problems with the billing from the phone company. The bill did not go to the right place. It was sent to channel 10. Nor did the charges come out of the club's funds. Mark had set up an automatic payment with the phone company. Mark has contacted SBC and hopes it is now straighten out. Mark paid the bill using his credit card and will be reimbursed next month by the club.

Jerry stated that this month's Chatter cost $34.00 to print at Office Max. Jerry is still looking for a cheaper place to have the Chatter printed. Pancho noted that the newsletter went out on time this month because he had received the president's article earlier.

Field Day: Jerry stated that he still needs people to run the stations. Nels, WA9YAL and his wife have done the shopping for food. The picnic will run from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. There will be a lunch for those there that have helped with the set up and food during the picnic hours. Sunday morning there will be a breakfast. Bring plenty of water and any ice chest you may have to keep things cold. Mark called the caretakers two weeks ago and will call them again to let them know to leave the gate open on Friday so that Patrick and Brian can set up that night. Jerry stated that he has trapped dipoles for varies bands and VHF and UHF antennas. Jerry also has a scripted sheet to be used at the GOTA station, log sheets and a sign in book.

Mark stated that the repeater has been experiencing jamming during DJ's code practice. Mark asked anyone who could listen during code practice to log the jamming so we have a record of it for later use.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
July 28,2003

The meeting was held at the home of Patrick, W9UQ. Thank you, Patrick, for the use of your home and for cooking supper.

Members present: Patrick W9UQ, Tom AB9EK, Tom KF9PU, Brian K9LCQ, Pancho KA9OFA, Kevin KC9BZU, Mark AB9CD, and Les AB9EY.

Meeting called to order at 7:20pm. Tom, AB9EK, read the minutes from the June meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed. Mark, AB9CD gave the financial report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read. Motion passed. Mark stated that the club's CD is coming due. Now it's value is $6030.38 and we receive an interest rate of 2.48%. Mark would like to try to find a different bank that will allow the use of a debit card on a business account. The present bank does not allow this. Patrick asked how important it is to have an interest bearing account? Mark stated that the move would be for convenience over interest because the present location of our bank is at 75th and State. The general thought is that we should try and keep an interest bearing account.

There was a discussion on Field Day. It was mentioned that Jerry was unhappy with the way things went. Jerry had an antenna plan, logs, and need station captains. Apparently, others had set up antennas where they should not have been, and the log sheets were not filled out properly, bits and pieces of paper were used. Jerry wanted to have a meeting at noon with everyone but it did not happen, but apparently no one knew about it or just forgot. Patrick stated that we had a successful Field Day measured by the people enjoying themselves and there were lots of kids that operated the radio. What is our goal for Field Day? Contacts for points or to have a picnic to have fun? Nels and his wife Melody were not pleased with how things went in the kitchen area. They felt like they were maids cleaning up the garbage that everyone had left on the tables. Tom, AB9EK will send them a thank you card for their help and appreciation from the Board.

One other thing Jerry is not happy with is the fact that he went to different printing places to get a price on printing the Chatter and then Mark, AB9CD went and had them printed without Jerry's input.

Patrick read an e-mail he had received from Tom Czaja. It was an excerpt from the International Association of Fire Chiefs Weekly Homeland Security Bulletin. The e-mail stated the importance of licensed amateur radio operators as part of the critical infrastructures of the emergency response community.

The Club's inventory was discussed. We no longer have some of the items listed and some are at different locations. Tom, AB9EK will update the inventory list as soon as possible.

Patrick had a proposed budget for 2003-2004. It's a little late for this. The budget was prepared using the treasurer's reports that Mark had prepared. There was some discussion and a change was made under donations, $200 was removed from the first line since it should not have been there in the first place. For the year the club would have a plus balance of $233.00.

The Chatter has been mailed out with the credit for the picture hand written above it. The e-mail version will go out when the credit for the picture has been added.

Should the club have a Christmas party this year? If so it will be at the Machine Shed and you will order from the menu and pay for your own.

Mark had some information on having club patches made.

Tom, KF9PU gave a report on the VEC conference he attended. The FCC is revising the ULS page to make it more user friendly. Look for this update sometime in November. At the last ITC conference, the CW requirement to operate on the low bands was removed. Tom stated that the CW requirement here in the US would take some tine to disappear. The VEC will petition the FCC to remove the code requirement for obtaining a General and Extra class license. Once the petition is filed, then there is the comment stage from others before the FCC will act on the request. Tom stated that he was elected the new chairman for the 2004 conference.

There was some discussion on the club's web page. It seems Howard has recently update some items. If there is something you would like to see on the club's web, page talk to Howard to see if it is possible to do what you want.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
August 25,2003

The meeting was held at the Irish Spring House. Members present are; Patrick W9UQ, Mark AB9CD, Pancho KA9OFA, Tom KF9PU, Dick W9JBE, Brian K9LCQ, and Tom AB9EK. Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

The club had received a letter from the "Badger Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired" thanking us for the $50 donation. The donation was made to them because Howard Kaufman, who works for them, produces the amateur radio tests in brail.

Mark, AB9CD gave the financial report. There was discussion last month about moving the account to a different bank because the closest bank location to Mark, Wauwatosa Savings, is located at 75th and State. It was decided to keep the account at its present location. The club's CD will be renewed for one year at 1.75%. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report as read. Motion passed.

Tom, AB9EK read the minutes from the July Board meeting. Mark stated that there is a correction to be made. John Kraak had given Mark the information on club patches. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with the correction. Motion passed.

Patrick suggested that the Board supports not reading the minutes of the club meeting at the meeting since they are printed in the newsletter. Will asked the membership for their approval as printed in the club's newsletter. The members of the Board approved this.

Mark brought up some comments that members have suggested that the Chatter have fewer pages and eliminate some of its contents. Patrick stated that the editor has the say in how many pages there are and the content of the newsletter. If anyone has comments to make about the Chatter they should address them to Pancho, newsletter editor.

Patrick handed out his proposed budget for 2003-2004. There was discussion on some items in the 2003 budget that should not be there and on some of the dollar amounts. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2003 budget as corrected. Motion passed. Next we had discussion on the proposed 2004 budget. Patrick stated that we had lost 39 members and we need to get them back somehow. Patrick stated that Kevin should use the club roster for contacting those who have not renewed. Patrick's budget has an increase in dues collected based on getting 17 new members. The budget for the club's phone should be changed to $8 per month not $24 because the VEC pays part of that bill from their funds. Mark stated that we should move the club's phone from John Kraak's home to the repeater location. He said he would check into the cost for this and what equipment would be needed. Under donations $200 is to be removed. It should not have been there in the first place. Also removed is the printing and postage for the newsletter for the month of December since we don't publish one for that month. Mark objected to the amount that would be collected for dues. He does not believe that the anticipated 17 new members should be included. A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Brian to approve the 2004 budget as corrected. Mark opposed, all others said yes. Motion passed. Patrick will send out via e-mail the corrected budget documents. Tom, KF9PU stated that the "Badger State Smoke Signals" is paid for from the VEC funds since they list our testing dates for free.

Brian made a motion and Mark seconded that any money that is made from the sale of the old repeater go to the repeater fund. Motion passed. Patrick will list it on E-Bay.

There was discussion on the usage of club equipment especially those who have it in their possession. Mark thought that a letter should be drafted to those who have the equipment stating that it belongs to the club and must be kept in good working condition and you must have it insured in case of loss or damage. This was tabled until the next Board meeting. The question was asked if Board members need prior approval to spend money on necessary items or repairs to the repeater. The by laws allows Board members to authorize expenses on behalf of the club.

Class information fliers have been printed and will be placed at AES.

Mark stated that Dave DeFebo has put together a two CD set of the MRAC history. On the CD's, you'll find club documents and pictures. These will be used as a fundraiser. They will be offered to the membership for a donation of $15 for one or $20 for both. Dave will have some for sale at Thursday's meeting. One set will be given to Don Michalski, W9IXG the Wisconsin section manager who will be at Thursday's night meeting. Orders will be taken for anyone who wants a set.

Mark asked that the question " Can you run a copy machine to print the chatter?" be placed on the sign in sheet for the club meeting.

The question was asked: How do we prorate the club's dues if someone should join now? The Board decided that if you join before September 1st the dues would be $17. After September 1st they would be $17 and cover the new member for the rest of 2003 and all of 2004.

Mark stated that Sherm, KB9Q, would like to hold the FM simplex contest next year. This contest was held in February of 2003 for the first time and was a success. Sherm would like to get other members involved with this instead of just Board members. Mark stated he would be on the contest committee.

Tom, KF9PU stated he would contact John Kraak to see just how much usage the club's phone number gets.

It was suggested that Howard list the club's programs on the MRAC web page. We should also have a counter on the page just to see how many hits the web page gets.

Patrick suggested that everyone should bring a guest to our club meetings. This guest just might become a new member. The Christmas party will be held at the Machine Shed. Patrick stated he would contact them. No date has been set.

After all was said and done, Mark, AB9CD resigned the treasurer's position. He gave the Board his reasons and asked that we accept his resignation. He stated that he would continue to do the treasurer's duties until a replacement can be found. He stated that he would like a replacement found as soon as possible.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
October 27, 2003

Present; Kevin KC9BZU, Tom AB9EK, Brian K9LCQ, Mark AB9CD, Tom KF9PU, Pancho KA9OFA and Dick W9JBE.

The meeting was called to order by acting president Kevin KC9BZU at 7:15pm.

There was no Board meeting in September so there were no minutes to be read.

Mark gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read. Motion passed. There was discussion on the 2004 budget that Mark had prepared. Tom AB9EK had asked Mark, back in September, to prepare a budget instead of using the one Patrick W9UQ had prepared. Mark needs to make a few changes. This budget will be discussed again at the Noverber Board meeting before going to the membership for their approval.

Mark gave a report on the club's repeater. He stated that Navy MARRS and some other groups are moving in on site. There was some problem with some of their equipment and that is being fixed. The club's equipment is now located in racks instead of the cabinet we were using. All cables and ground straps are now in place. Mark stated that there would be some six to seven groups located at the site.

The FM contest is set for February 8th, 2004. Mark stated that the flyers have been printed and in place at AES and on the club's web page.

The club newsletter has not gone out yet. It still needs to be printed and addressed. Kevin stated that he would get them printed and Dick stated he would address them and get them in the mail. Mark suggested that maybe the club should have it's own printer to print the Chatter. The cost of this might be a lot more than it is now.

Mark stated that he would contact Fred Lynn and see if the offer to store some of our club equipment at OCHS is valid. If the Board of the OCHS oks this offer, it will allow us to store our antennas that are used at field day on site.

The ARRL Club Affiliation page needs to be updated. Tom will now be the contact person. The club's e-mail address needs to be fixed. Brian is working with his Internet provider to see if he can setup an e-mail address for the club that would forward the club's mail to all the Board members. The club's e-mail address would still be W9RH@arrl.net but would be forwarded to Brian's account and his provider would forward it to the Board.

There was discussion on who we could ask to become the club's President. The Board agreed to ask Joe N9UX . Brian stated the he would take over as President if Joe wouldn't. Mark was asked if he would remain on as a Board member in Brian's place if Brian becomes President. Mark said he would.

The reading of the membership meeting would continue to be read at the club meetings.

Mark stated that over $100 worth of club history CD's have been sold. He also stated that we should look into a fundraiser to get the club a video projector and a new repeater controller is needed. This controller is the oldest piece of equipment we have. The control OP's now have a new manual.

At the next Board meeting we will work on articles one through four of the club's bylaws to get them in line with the times.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte,AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
Noverber 17,2003

Present; Kevin KC9BZU, Mark AB9CD, Tom KF9PU, Tom AB9EK, Brian K9LCQ, Pancho KA9OFA, Joe N9UX, and Dick W9JBE.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Kevin KC9BZU the new club president. Kevin announced that he would take over as club president, Brian K9LCQ would become vice president, Joe N9UX would become treasurer and Mark AB9CD would take Brian's place on the Board. Kevin stated that he would not be around in Dec through March-April.

Tom, AB9EK read the Board minutes from the October meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Mark, AB9CD gave the treasurers report. The monies for the sale of the old repeater need to be transferred to the repeater fund. A motion was made to approve the report as given. Motion passed. Mark and Joe, N9UX will work together to get the treasurers recorded transferred to Joe.

Up coming program topics were discussed. Brian stated that the topic for Thursdays meeting would be on the USS Des Moines Historic Naval Ship Project. This group wants to bring this ship to Milwaukee's lakefront. Brian stated he would contact Jeff, K9VS to see if he would do a program in January. We need to contact Sherm and Nels to see if they will also do a program.

Jerry, WA9CGE had indicated that he would continue on as chairman for Field Day in 2004.

At Thursdays night meeting, will have to ask Vern about the Christmas party and start talking about Field Day in June 2004.

Brian stated that he had purchased a new microphone, from Radio Shack, for the club. The old one no longer works. This mic will work with our system. We need to find some speakers so that we do not have to connect into the churches system. Kevin stated that he has an amp we can use.

Brian stated that he is working on filtering the club's e-mail that gets forwarded to the Board to keep the spam down.

Tom, AB9EK needs to get the mailbox key from Les. Les will be spending the cold weather in Arizona.

Mark stated that he would contact Fred Lyn to see if the offer to store the club's equipment at the OCHC Pioneer Village.

Kevin stated that he would get the Chatter printed and Dick would address them and get them mailed.

The 2004 budget was discussed. A motion was made by Tom AB9EK and seconded by Pancho to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed.

The nominating committee needs to start contacting club members for nominations for officers and Board members. Elections are in May and the new officers take over in June. The committee consists of Sherm KB9Q, Jack W9ULA and John KF9XL.

The Board is reviewing the current by-laws. Articles 1-4 tonight and at the next Board meeting we will go through articles 5-10.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte,AB9EK
Club Secretary